

# *Proclamation*

The arts and humanities enrich the lives of Hawai`i's people by promoting education, creativity, economic growth, social problem-solving, community livability and job creation.

More than 1,400 arts and cultural organizations in Hawai`i contribute programming, services and vision to our islands' rich artistic culture, thus strengthening our social fabric and sense of individualism along with providing a renewed sense of community.

The nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our national economy by generating \$134 billion in economic activity annually and by supporting the fulltime equivalent of 4.85 million jobs.

The Hawai`i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts celebrates over 40 years as the state arts agency. Through its many programs, the Foundation works to encourage, perpetuate and preserve the arts, culture, history and humanities that are central to our quality of life.

Hawai`i consistently ranks first in the nation in per capita state funds dedicated to supporting the arts. Furthermore, Hawai`i was the first state to enact a law to set aside one percent of construction appropriations for new state buildings to provide works of art at sites throughout our islands. This has resulted in a State Art Collection of over 5,000 works, and this program has now become a model for other states.

The Hawai`i State Art Museum, with its permanent collection, changing exhibition program and arts in education activities for schools and communities, makes the arts widely accessible to a broad range of individuals.

Establishment of the Hawai`i Capitol Cultural District in O`ahu has significantly encouraged further growth and development of the arts and culture for both our residents and visitors.

The month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month for more than two decades by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress.

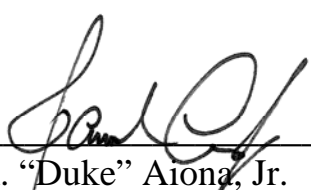
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **October 2006**, as

## **ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

in Hawai`i, and encourage our residents and visitors to celebrate this month by visiting and enjoying the cultural riches of our community.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this first day of October 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai`i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i